| (1) | (2) | (3) |
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| **E** | **General** | |
| 29 | Support for institutionalising supply of quality disinfection materials. | 4.00 |
| 30. | Support for installation of quality linked cocoon purchase systems in non traditional States. | 3.60 |
| 31. | Support for installation of quality linked yarn purchase systems. | 4.50 |
| 32. | Support for pre-reeling productivity improvement measures of a demonstrative kind adopted by States. | 4.20 |
| 33. | Support for Studies, Consultancies and Surveys. | 1.15 |
| 34. | Support for data base development. | 3.10 |
| 35. | Support for preparation of extension & publicity material in local languages | 1.15 |
| 36. | Support for Product Development, Diversification and Buyer Awareness programmes. | 2.30 |
| | SUB-TOTAL FOR GENERAL | 24.00 |
| | TOTAL FOR CATALYTIC DEVELOPMENTAL ASSISTANCE TO STATES : (II) | 55.32 |
| | TOTAL FOR C D S FOR INDUSTRY & STATES : (I) + (II) | 89.27 |

**Funds for JCI**

4116. SHRI KARNENDU BHATTACHARJEE : Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that Jute Corporation of India is facing a financial crunch due to non-receipt of money from NJMC/Government;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) what steps have been taken/proposed to be taken for release of funds to JCI ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI GINGEE N. RAMACHANDRAN): (a) to (c) Jute Corporation of India was created by the Govt. in 1971 to undertake price Support Operations. However, the Corporation is also undertaking Commercial operations. Government releases funds and provides Bank Guarantee to JCI from time to time depending on the requirement of funds for MSP operations. Govt. has already released to JCI Rs. 222.40 crores as subsidy and Rs. 125.18 crores as loan upto 31-3-2000

In the past JCI was purchasing raw jute and selling the same to NJMC under an agreed buy-back arrangement from 1980-81. This arrangement continued upto 1991-92 and thereafter became inoperative as NJMC defaulted in payment of the dues. The amount of outstanding dues on this account as on 31-3-2000 was Rs. 64.13 crores excluding interest.

NJMC is a sick Corporation and stands referred to BIFR since 1993. Based on the directions given by BIFR a Turn Around Proposal is under consideration of the Government which includes payment of backlog to the JCI Ltd. JCI has been directed to restructure its manpower and operations to make it more viable and self dependent.